

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

Referring now in detail to the drawings, wherein the same reference numbers are used to designate like parts, there is shown one form of base support 1 in accordance with this invention which comprises an elongated base member 2 having spaced apart top and bottom walls 3, 4 and non-symmetrical opposite side walls 5, 6. Extending through base member 2 between top and bottom walls 3, 4 intermediate the ends thereof is a mounting hole 7 for receiving and supporting an end portion of a post or other upright (hereafter sometimes referred to as an elongated member) in a generally upright position when the base support is placed on a generally flat surface. Fig. 2 shows two such base supports 1 used, for example, to support two elongated members 8 of a type III barricade 10 used on construction sites to block off roadways and the like. However, it will be appreciated that the elongated members may be used for any purpose desired including, for example, to support portable signs or fencing or the like.

Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25 with the following replacement paragraph:

One of the side walls 5 of the base member may be straight and in ~~substantially~~ the same plane throughout most of its length and height including particularly the intermediate length of the side wall 5 as shown in Fig. 3 to

strengthen the base member against flexing along its length. The other side wall 6 may also be substantially straight and parallel to the one side wall 5 except for an intermediate length 21 of the other side wall which ~~may extend~~ has a length that is substantially less than the intermediate length of the one side wall 5 and extends laterally outwardly to provide the base member with a wider intermediate width than end widths for containing the mounting hole.

Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 31 with the following replacement paragraph:

End lengths 19, 20 of the other side wall 6 may be in substantial alignment with each other in parallel spaced relation from the one side wall 5. Intermediate length 21 of the other side wall may have outwardly angled end portions 22, 23 extending toward each other adjacent opposite sides of the mounting hole to resist flexing of the wall of the mounting hole. Extending between end portions 22, 23 in parallel spaced relation from the one side wall 5 is an intermediate portion 24 of the intermediate length 21 of the other side wall. The center axis 25 of mounting hole 7 extends in a direction ~~substantially~~ perpendicular to the intermediate length of the top wall 3 and may be ~~substantially~~ in the same plane as the end lengths 19, 20 of the other side wall 6 which is ~~substantially~~ perpendicular to the intermediate length of the top wall as shown in Figs. 3 and 5.

Page 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 with the following replacement paragraph:

Although the dimensions of base member 2 may vary, in one form of the invention, the base member has an overall length of approximately 48 inches, a width of approximately 7 3/8 inches at the widest portion, a width of approximately 3 5/8 inches at the narrower end portions and a maximum height of approximately 6 inches. In this embodiment of the invention the intermediate width of the base member is somewhat more than twice as wide as the end widths. Different sized mounting holes 7 may be provided in the base member that are sized to closely receive different sized end portions of elongated members. For example, mounting hole 7 may be a 4-inch square hole for receiving 4-inch square end portions of plastic upright posts or a 2-inch square hole for receiving 2-inch square standard metal posts for supporting a type III barricade or other portable device as desired. This allows the width of the mounting hole to extend widthwise inwardly and outwardly of beyond the end widths lengths 19, 20 of the other side wall 6 as shown in Fig. 3.